

Amendments to the Claims: This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Previously Presented) The device for needle biopsy in accordance with claim 18, wherein the device has a stop means, which limits the depth of penetration of the at least one needle into the body in a defined manner.

3. (Previously Presented) The device for needle biopsy in accordance with claim 2, wherein a spacer, which has holes associated with the at least one needle and can be pushed over the at least one needle in order to limit the depth of penetration into the body, is provided at least as a stop means.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) The device for needle biopsy in accordance with claim 18, wherein a common protective sleeve, which can be attached by plugging to the syringe cylinder over the at least one needle, is provided for all of the at least one needle.

10. (Previously Presented) The device for needle biopsy in accordance with claim 18, wherein a filter means is arranged in the path between the opening of the channels into the tip of each of the at least one needle and the interior of the syringe cylinder.

11. (Previously Presented) The device for needle biopsy in accordance with claim 10, wherein the filter means comprises individual filter inserts in the tip-side end area of the at least one needle.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)

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16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) A device for needle biopsy adapted for aspiration of tissue specimens, the device comprising:

~~with a syringe cylinder having a flange at an open end, a needle end disposed away from the open end, an inner wall extending between the open end and the needle end and defining an interior, and an outer wall extending between the flange and the needle end, the outer wall having a constant outer diameter; with a plunger displaceable therein as well as with a needle means;~~

a plunger displaceable within the interior of the syringe cylinder;

wherein

~~the a needle means disposed at the needle end of the syringe has cylinder, the needle means having at least one needle, whose channel opens into the interior of the cylinder; and~~

~~a ventilation means comprising is formed by at least one overflow channel, which is formed at a distance from the syringe bottom needle end in the inner wall of the cylinder, wherein the length of the channel in the direction of the cylinder axis makes it possible that the volume between the bottom and the plunger can be temporarily connected with the interior of the cylinder that is located above the plunger via at least one overflow channel.~~

19. (Previously Presented) The device in accordance with claim 18, wherein the needle means has a plurality of puncture needles.

20. (Previously Presented) The device in accordance with claim 18, wherein at least one indicator projection, which projects from the inner wall of the cylinder and can be overcome by the plunger, is provided at a distance from the bottom of the cylinder.

21. (Previously Presented) The device in accordance with claim 18, wherein the at least one needle comprises a plurality of needles, at least some of the needles of the needle means have different lengths.

22. (Withdrawn) A device for needle biopsy for aspirating tissue specimens, the device for needle biopsy comprising:

~~a cylinder having an inner wall and an outer wall, the inner wall having a ventilation cutout formed therein, the cutout having a length;~~

a needle means having at least one needle whose channel opens into the interior of the cylinder; and

a plunger having a single piston with a solid face, the plunger being disposed in the cylinder and adapted for reciprocal translation within the cylinder such that, when the plunger is withdrawn from the cylinder, tissue is aspirated into the at least one needle and/or the cylinder.

23. (Withdrawn) The device for needle biopsy according to claim 22, wherein the face has a depth less than the length of the cutout.

24. (Withdrawn) The device for needle biopsy according to claim 22, wherein the cutout extends through the outer wall of the cylinder.

25. (New) The device for needle biopsy according to claim 18, wherein each of the at least one overflow channel extending wholly within the constant outer diameter.

26. (New) A device for needle biopsy adapted for aspiration of tissue specimens, the device comprising:

a syringe cylinder having a flange at an open end, a needle end disposed away from the open end, an inner wall extending between the open end and the needle end and defining an interior, and an outer wall extending between the flange and the needle end, the outer wall having a constant outer diameter;

a plunger displaceable within the interior of the syringe cylinder;

a needle means disposed at the needle end of the syringe cylinder, the needle means having at least one needle, whose channel opens into the interior of the cylinder; and

a ventilation means comprising at least one overflow channel, which is formed at a distance from the syringe bottom in the inner wall of the cylinder, wherein the length of the channel in the direction of the cylinder axis makes it possible that the volume between the bottom and the plunger can be temporarily connected with the interior of the cylinder that is located above the plunger via at least one overflow channel, wherein each of the at least one overflow channel extends wholly within the constant outer diameter.